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Some Background Information:

- I was born in Jerusalem, Israel and moved to the United States at two years old.
- I have a twin brother who is the greatest person on the planet.
- From buying me an art table when I was two years old to helping me pay for art classes since 9th grade, my parents have fostered my creativity in every way imaginable. They are the biggest reason for my success.

Activities (grades 9-12)

▪ Clubs/Organizations

- *National Art Honors Society*; inducted grade 11; Vice President grade 12; hours per week- 2-6; activities- set painting for theatre productions, illustrating the school newspaper/literary magazine, window/wall painting, decorating nursing homes, and raising money for scholarships by making and selling ceramics, hemp necklaces, and t-shirts.
- *National Honors Society*; inducted grade 11; grade 12; hours per week- 2-5; greatest accomplishment- raising 400 dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association by bagging groceries, soliciting, selling tickets to a charity dance, and selling t-shirts.
- *S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment)*; grades 9, 10, 11, 12; hours per week- 2-5; head advertiser; activities- cleaning courtyard, planting trees/ plants, selling t-shirts for humane societies, educating younger grades, cleaning beaches, organizing Earth Day activities, and updating bulletin board.

▪ Athletics

- *Cross Country*; grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; hours per week (average) - 17; length of season- August 15 until November 16; varsity runner since grade 10; grades 10 and 11, team win-loss record was 5:1; grade 11, ranked among the top 20 cross-country runners in the district; personal best finishing time (3.1mi/5k): 22.05 (min/sec).
- *Basketball*; grade 9; hours per week- 18; length of season- 12 weeks.
- *Spring Track*; grades 9, 10, 11, and (and planning on) 12; hours per week- 18; length of season- March 19 until June 10; Varsity grade 12; raced in the 1600 m (1 mi), 800 m (1/2 mi), and 3200 m (2 mi).

▪ Art Enrichment

- *Fashion Illustration class at Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.)*; commuted every Saturday during the fall and spring of grade 9; class time- 3 hours; grade received- A.
- *Fashion Design class at F.I.T.*; commuted every Saturday during the fall of grade 10; class time- 3 hours; grade received- A.
- *PRATT Institute summer program*; summer 2001; classes taken- Intro to Foundation (2 college credits), Art History, Illustration (2 college credits), Portfolio Development; commuted Mon-Fri (7 a.m. until 6 p.m.) from July 12 until August 7; grades received- all A's.
- *Monmouth County Artist's Guild*; figure drawing class Thursday nights, 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.; all of grade 11.

- *The 2002 N.J. Governor's School of the Arts*; June 29 until July 27
- *Art Students' League*; anatomy class from 8 a.m. -12 a.m. Mon-Fri for the 2002 August session; commuted to Manhattan.
- *International Experiences*
 - *International Exchange Program in Israel*; summer 2000; participated in a counselor training program (3 weeks) as part of the Israeli Jewish Conservative Movement; Discussions and seminars about culture, religion, international/national events, philosophy, and values were conducted daily; participated in 3 beach clean-ups; interacted with other teens from Cuba, Spain, Holland, Ethiopia, Canada, England, and Russia.

Some of my most notable achievements include:

- Acceptance to the 2002 NJ Governor's School of the Arts, full tuition program that recognizes the state's top artists. From over 300 applicants, only 20 visual arts scholars were selected. Aside from completing seven intensive studio classes, I interacted with artists from all different disciplines. In four week's time, I emerged from the experience with extraordinary friendships as well as a more profound awareness and appreciation for art.
- Honorable Mention Award at the 2002 Monmouth Festival of the Arts High School Exhibition. From over 150 nominated high school pieces, only 6 were awarded.
- Visual Arts Honorable Mention Award in the 2002-2003 ARTS (Arts Recognition and Talent Search). From 4,143 applicants, 20 winners were chosen.
- Four-year Scholar Athlete Award for academic and athletic excellence.
- Renaissance Scholar for academic and extracurricular excellence.
- Raising over \$400.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as a National Honors Society Member. I did this by selling t-shirts and tickets to a charity dance, soliciting, bagging groceries at supermarkets, and selling advertisement spaces to local businesses.
- Being elected as Vice President of the National Art Honors Society. My activities leading up to this honors include: set painting for theatre productions, illustrating the school newspaper/literary magazine, window/wall painting, decorating nursing homes, organizing student exhibitions, and hosting fundraisers such as ceramics and jewelry sales.
- Being ranked among the top 20 cross-country runners in the district during my third season.

And recently...

- Being accepted to Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, The George Washington University with a presidential arts scholarship amounting to \$48,000 over 4 years (only 15 fine art applicants are awarded this scholarship), Boston University, Rutgers University (Rutgers College), New York University, University of Rochester, and Brandeis University. I am still waiting to hear from Brown University.